

# RUEF GUARDED FROM POSSIBLE MOB VIOLENCE

Former Political Boss is Still on Trial--Is After a Change of Venue for His Case.

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—The trial of Abraham Ruef on a charge of bribery, which was interrupted last Friday by the attempted assassination of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney, was resumed today. By the interposition of affidavits setting forth that it would be impossible to secure a fair trial in the present state of public opinion, the defense secured a continuance until tomorrow, at which time the prosecution will file counter affidavits. When court adjourned defendant Ruef was returned to the county jail.

Never before in the history of the city had such extensive police precautions been taken to safeguard a court of justice as when Ruef was brought to the bar in Judge Lawlor's court today. Ten policemen afoot and six mounted guarded the building, and the streets for a block on each side of the building were patrolled by uniform police. Every person entering the building was closely scrutinized and many stopped half a dozen times before reaching the entrance. In the corridors were stationed six policemen and inside the court room half a dozen detectives were placed.

In the court room were gathered prominent business men, ministers of the gospel and members of the organization known as the Citizens' League of Justice, and a few women. Ruef was the first of those directly interested in the trial to arrive. He was accompanied by five policemen and five deputy sheriffs who rode in the sheriff's van with him. The vehicle was escorted by five mounted police. Not the slightest demonstration marked Ruef's arrival. A few minutes later John O'Gara, Heney's assistant, arrived, followed by Matthew I. Sullivan, Hiram Johnson and Joseph J. Dwyer, three attorneys who volunteered their services to the prosecution after Heney was shot.

# To Get Funds Out of Reach of Attachment

(By Associated Press.)

DENVER, Nov. 16.—President Samuel Gompers at the afternoon session of the convention of the American Federation of Labor today, declared that if found guilty and fined for contempt in proceedings pending against him at Washington, he would go to jail before he would pay the fine or allow the federation to pay it for him. The statement was made by Gompers during a discussion of the report of the committee on the treasurer's report. The committee recommended that immediately following adjournment of the convention the executive council shall take up the proposition of placing the funds of the federation where they may be removed from danger of attachment. This report brought out a political discussion in which several members declared themselves in favor of the formation of an independent political party. D. G. Ramsey of the electrical workers, was applauded when he declared: "We had a chance to place our funds beyond the reach of those who would take them, but we let it pass on November 3. The only way to protect our money is to change the laws."

# OLD MAN SLAIN AND ROBBED

VINELAN (N. J.), Nov. 16.—William Read, 78 years of age, was murdered at his home here yesterday. He was struck over the head with a blunt instrument, which probably rendered him unconscious and was then twice shot in the head. Railroad bonds said to be worth \$50,000 and about \$300 in cash was taken by the murderers.

It was not until tonight that the crime became known. The body of Mr. Read was discovered by Edward Cooper, his son-in-law, but it was first believed he had committed sui-

cide. The case is most mysterious. Edward Cooper, and his wife, the murdered man's daughter, were not at home when the crime was committed. Edward Cooper said so far as he knew his father-in-law had not an enemy in the world.

This leads the police to believe that the murder was committed solely for the purpose of robbery. The murderer left not the slightest clue.

## PRINCE EITEL VISITS

COAL MINERS' WIDOWS FARM (Westphalia, Germany), Nov. 16.—Strong detachments of gendarmie arrived today to maintain order, but the miners are calm.

Prince Eitel Frederick today visited a number of the miners' homes in the villages, where there are no fewer than 139 widows as a result of the explosion in the Radbod mine.

## MURDERER IS SENTENCED.

DENVER, Nov. 16.—John Bradley, found guilty of the murder of Policeman William P. Stephens in this city August 25 last, was sentenced today in the criminal court to the state penitentiary for from thirty-five to forty-five years.

# HENEY NOW VERY MUCH IMPROVED

(By Associated Press.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 16.—The operation on Francis Heney today for the removal of the bullet fired by Morris Haas last Friday in Judge Lawlor's court, proved to be most successful.

This evening at the hospital it was stated that Heney's condition is satisfactory, with no signs of complications that will hinder his recovery. An inquest over the remains of Morris Haas, Heney's assailant, who committed suicide in the county jail Saturday evening, will be held tomorrow.

# An Oil Heater Caused Fire in Los Angeles

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 16.—The overflowing of an oil heater caused a fire this afternoon which destroyed the entire interior of the Los Angeles Pacific Railway building on West Fourth street, and for an hour or more threatened the Broadway department store, one of the largest retail business houses in this city. The loss probably will reach \$75,000, partially covered by insurance.

# ARRESTED, CONFESSED, SENTENCED

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—Peter Van Vlissingen, a real estate dealer, for years classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, today confessed to having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, a few hours after he was arrested, and on his own urgent appeal to be punished was sentenced to the penitentiary. The arrest, indictment, confession and sentence were the work of less than four hours. Van Vlissingen stated his crimes had been going on from eighteen to twenty years. His term in the penitentiary was fixed as indeterminate, from one to fourteen years.

## ALLEGED EMBEZZLER

### ATTEMPTS SUICIDE

AUSTIN (Nev.), Nov. 16.—Dr. Von Tidemann, postmaster of Cortez, Nevada, accused of the embezzlement of \$4300, attempted suicide here last night by means of chloroform. The attempt was frustrated by prompt medical assistance.

United States Marshal Mack arrived tonight to take the doctor to the Reno jail on the order of Federal Judge Farrington. The trial has been postponed to November 28.

## FARNUM DIVORCE IS

### ECHO OF GOULD SUIT

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—A decree of absolute divorce has been granted by Justice Bischoff to Mrs. A. Johnstone Farnum from Dustin Farnum, the actor. Farnum recently was named a correspondent by Howard Gould in his answer to the suit brought against him by Katherine Clemmings Gould. By order of the court the papers in the Farnum suit were sealed.

Advertisements in the Daily Bonanza.

## LIFE SAVERS RESCUE

### SEVEN FROM SCHOONER

LEWES (Del.), Nov. 16.—Seven men, the crew of the schooner Marie S. Cummins, from Boston for this place, were rescued by life savers in a self-bailing life boat last night during a snow storm when the vessel went ashore near the Indian River life saving station. The vessel is said to be in good condition.

## SILVER ADVANCES.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Silver advanced 1 3-8 cents today, being quoted at 59 1/2. The other metals remain about the same as quoted Saturday: Lead, quiet, 4.35 @ 4.40; copper, easy, 14 1-4 @ 14 1-2.

## EXTRA COLD AT LARAMIE.

LARAMIE (Wyo.), Nov. 16.—The government thermometer at the Wyoming university registered 24 degrees below zero Saturday night. It was the coldest November night ever recorded here.

# EMPEROR AND DOWAGER OF CHINA DEAD

(By Associated Press.)

PEKIN, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and dowager empress are dead. Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in fear of the increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs, and has adopted stringent measures that will result in maintenance of peace for a time at least. At noon 3000 gendarmes guarded the streets and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. The foreign legations are under guard. Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today. Fourteen native banks were closed.

PEKIN, Nov. 16.—The emperor of China died shortly after 5 o'clock Saturday evening, although the news of the death was not authoritatively given out until Sunday night. His death and condition had been used to veil the critical condition of the dowager empress, but with her death Sunday it was no longer possible to hide the true state of affairs.

An edict promulgated Saturday afternoon, bearing the seal of the emperor, and promoting Prince Chun to the regency and his infant son, Pu Wei, to be heir presumptive made a good public impression. It satisfies the reformers and appeals to the sentiments held by the people for Kuang Hsu, because it respects the close blood ties in the matter of succession and introduces a new and more modern element in the government. It is an evidence of the victory of the reformers.

PRINCE CHUN A BROTHER. Prince Chun is a brother of the emperor. His name is Tsai-Feng, and he succeeded to the title of his father, Prince Chun, in 1891. He is a lieutenant of the Plain White Banner corps and visited Germany in 1901 as a special commissioner of the throne.

This last illness of the emperor assumed a serious aspect a fortnight ago. It was then declared that he was suffering from a grave intestinal complaint. He has persistently refused to accept western medical aid, although medical men attached to the legations here have stood ready to give their services.

His majesty has been suffering for ten years past from chronic nephritis, which recently became complicated with diabetes and sciatica. It was admitted yesterday that his brain was affected. The members of the grand council have been in close attendance at the palace for ten days. Statements officially gazetted that his majesty was in conference with the councilors were absolutely untrue and were made for the purpose of misleading the public.

ALWAYS FEEBLE-MINDED. The death of the emperor of China brings to an end the reign of a sovereign feeble in mind and body who has been dominated all his life by the all-powerful influence of the dowager empress. Kuang Hsu's "reign" will be completely lost in the rule of the empress.

QUESTION OF SUCCESSION. The question of the succession has agitated the imperial family since the autumn of 1907, when it was perceived that the health of the emperor was seriously undermined. In January of 1900 the dowager empress adopted Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuan, the "boxer" chieftain, her apparent, but she disinherited him in November, 1901, at the behest of the allied powers. Since then the matter of a heir apparent has been in abeyance, and the dowager empress, in whose hands the power of election was, gave no clue to her purpose or determination. The promotion of Prince Chun to the regency was a final victory for the emperor.

MARKETS RATHER CAUTIOUS. NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 16.—Mixed views over the speculative outlook found their reflections in the somewhat irregular tone of the stock market today. Specific reasons for the check to speculative accumulation are not clear. It was based apparently more on general consideration of the extent to which distribution has been going on at a high level of prices and a suspicion that with such distribution in effect, the market would enjoy less fostering care from the powerful interests which have had it in control all through the summer and up to the election. Bonds were irregular.

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# LAND SHARKS TO PAY BIG FINES

PORTLAND (Ore.), Nov. 16.—The last chapter in the "Los Angeles conspiracy" case, whereby certain citizens of the state of California entered into a conspiracy with certain citizens of Curry county, Oregon, in a scheme to defraud the United States of the title to about 30,000 acres of timber lands, was closed today when Judge Wolverson pronounced the following sentence:

William S. Smith, a fine of \$5000 and imprisonment for two years; Dr. A. H. Hedderly, \$5000 fine and six months' imprisonment; Richard D. Hynes, fine of \$2000 and ninety days' imprisonment; William T. Kerr, fine of \$2000; Frank A. Stewart and John R. Miller, fine of \$1000, each; and Ames S. Johnson, fine of \$500.

## PULLMAN COMPANY WINS.

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